



**MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL  
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**SUSPENDING OR DISCONTINUING  
TRANSITIONAL CARE UNIT SERVICES**

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**I. PURPOSE:** To define the process for suspending or discontinuing T.C.U. services within the continuum of Montana State Hospital Services.

**II. POLICY:**

- A. Access to treatment and rehabilitative service settings on the campus of the Montana State Hospital is through the written order of an attending physician.
- B. Patients served by the Montana State Hospital will not have services suspended or discontinued due to a rule violation. However, an attending physician, with consultation with members of the treatment team, may change the course or the treatment and treatment setting to best serve patient needs.
- C. Rule violations of a patient in the T.C.U. care setting will trigger an evaluation of appropriateness of care setting for that patient.

**III. DEFINITIONS:** None

**IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Attending Physician: Determines and writes orders to the care setting best able to serve a patient's needs.

**V. PROCEDURES:**

- A. The T.C.U. staff will notify the attending physician of rule violations.
- B. The attending physician will determine the current needs of the patient and the appropriateness of the T.C.U. setting.
- C. If the physician determines another service setting is better able to address the patient's needs, the physician will meet with the patient to discuss:
  - 1. the reason for the change in care setting,

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